

Senate Resolution No. 9

Introduced by Senator Ridley-Thomas

Relative to the 2016 Olympics.

WHEREAS, The Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games (SCCOG) is a nonprofit organization, formed in 1939, whose mission is to promote the Olympic movement in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the SCCOG has bid for the Olympic Games on behalf of and in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles, garnering the award of the games for 1984, and hailed worldwide for its near-flawless organization of the games which generated an operating surplus of two hundred thirty-five million dollars (\$235,000,000); and

WHEREAS, The SCCOG has submitted its plan to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) for consideration to be the USOC's candidate to host the 2016 Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, Southern California has a wealth of existing world-class sporting facilities and a strong travel and tourism infrastructure, and is one of the great media capitals of the world with close ties to the entertainment industry which can be so important in a global event of the size and scope of the Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, SCCOG's bid includes the use of historic Olympic venues including the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, new state-of-the-art facilities including the Home Depot Center and the Staples Center arena, and the combined resources of the University of California at Los Angeles, which would serve as the Olympic Village for the athletes, and the University of Southern California, which would serve as the Media/Family Village, and can stage the 2016 Summer Games with almost no construction of permanent facilities, therefore focusing on building the human spirit, and human achievement and joy, the fundamental Olympic values; and

WHEREAS, One of the many ways that the Los Angeles bid would break new ground is in creating a statewide Olympic cultural program, "Peak Performance," which would be unprecedented in its size and

scope making the connection between brilliance in athletic performance and brilliance in every intellectual and artistic pursuit for which this state is known, from scholarly debate to great food and wine; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has been the host of two of the most successful Olympic Games in the history of the movement, in 1932 and in 1984, which reflect the city's creative prowess and financial strength that provide critical underpinning on which all else is built; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is where the whole world comes together, and if chosen, will bring all that is California to the athletes, to the Olympic movement, and to the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate commends and encourages the SCCOG in its bid to bring the 2016 Olympics to Los Angeles, California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate fully supports the SCCOG in its bid to bring the 2016 Olympics to Los Angeles, California, and declares its intent to ensure that the 2016 Olympics provide a safe, enjoyable, and successful experience for the people of the world; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the United States Olympic Committee and the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games.

Senate Resolution No. 9 read and adopted by the Senate April 9, 2007.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate